

Minutes of the Public Works Committee - March 30, 2006

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chair Manke who led the committee with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Chair Richard Manke, County Board Supervisors James Behrend, Peter Gundrum, James Jeskewitz, Karl Nilson, Rodell Singert, and David Swan

Staff Present: County Board Chief of Staff Lee Esler, Legis.Associate Sandra Meisenheimer

Also Present: Public Works Director Rich Bolte

Correspondence

Manke referred to an article in the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel entitled "Planners may reconsider west side bypass" in which it is stated that State highway planners have expressed a willingness to reconsider a new bypass on Waukesha's west side.

Public Comment

Singert said this is a special time and thanked Manke for everything despite the problems that were created between them. Nilson thanked Manke for his years of service on the Wisconsin River Rail Transit Commission, Judiciary and Law Enforcement Committee and the Public Works Committee. He said it has been pleasure knowing you, and I wish you all the best.

Swan thanked Manke for his dedicated service as Chairman of the Public Works Committee from April of 1996 to April of 2006.

At approximately 9:15 a.m. Director Bolte appeared in force with Public Works employees (Betsy Crosswaite, Paul Barthel, Dennis Cerreta, Mike Wells, Gary Evans, Bob Rauchle, John Gorski, Ed Hinrichs, Kevin Yanny, Pete Chladil, Gary Evans, Mark Keckeisen, and Scott Miller) to wish Chair Manke a fond farewell. Also in attendance were County Executive Dan Vrakas and his Chief of Staff Allison Bussler. County Board Chairman Jim Dwyer also attended as well as County Board staff -- Dave Krahn, Mark Mader and Windy Jicha. Former County Board Supervisor Kerry Krueger of Waukesha also stopped in.

Vrakas said to Manke that everyone wants to wish him the best and certainly the people on your committee as well as the Administration really appreciate the hard work you've done. Thank you for the 28 years you have been here. Manke said he is dedicated to Waukesha County. It is a great county and that is because of the staff. He thanked everyone.

Discuss and Recommend Future Agenda Items for the Next Public Works Committee

1. Manke mentioned the Janesville Road project, Dwayne Johnson from WisDOT regarding the west Waukesha by-pass, and the delay in the courts tower.
2. Swan referred to speed limits in the county. Bolte said we should take it case by case and avoid a blanket speed limit for all county roads.
3. Esler suggested that committee meetings be held at different sites to view building conditions. He stated the other item would be the progress on the street and highway width map, which was adopted by the Board in July of 2003. This also ties in with the Johnson/Barker Road extension.
4. Bolte said K/KE should be added to the list. Also, a long term thing to think about is the proposed Taxpayer Protection Act which would be devastating to the highway program in regard to bonding. He said we might have to go to referendum for highway improvement projects or any big

building projects. Bolte said another thing to think about is what to do with the campus at UW-Waukesha.

6. Singert said the top of his list is the north/south Pilgrim Road -- it is such a bottleneck. Bolte said in 2007 we will get Pilgrim Rd. from Brookfield so we have everything except the Elm Grove piece. Singert said items at the airport include the service drive around the 18/36 for safety reasons and Aviation Drive (connection and second entrance).

7. Bolte suggested a re-look at the master plan.

8. Swan asked about getting Public Works and Parks and Land Use Departments working together in regard to snow plowing and grass cutting. Bolte said that is about turf and who is in control of it.

9. Singert said on the public hearings for changes on bus routes, do you think we should have a night meeting? We should see if the public responds to an evening public hearing being scheduled.

10. Nilson said we should discuss the lawn, median, curb and gutter issue sometime.

11. Manke questioned having two business managers in the Parks and Land Use Department.

12. Esler said there should be a discussion on airport expansion and what we're doing with the Mead & Hunt study.

Discuss Outcome of the Executive Committee's March 27th Meeting with Locally Elected Officials and the Wisconsin Department of Transportation Regarding the West Waukesha By-Pass

Esler stated that the meeting ended positively with Dewayne Johnson of WisDOT saying he would get back with some written documentation of parameters on how the State would propose to proceed by June of this year. Esler referred to the letter from Executive Vrakas going on record as in support of moving the west Waukesha by-pass project forward. Bolte indicated that it will cost the county something. Swan said there is a lot of development that is being planned, and it would be so nice to have the corridor saved. Bolte said the town, city and county have agreed on where the project is now.

Motion to Allow Secretary of Committee to Approve the Minutes of the Last Committee Meeting on Behalf of the Committee

Motion: Behrend moved, second by Jeskewitz, to allow Supervisor Singert, as secretary of the committee, to approve the last meeting minutes of 3/30/06 on behalf of the committee. **Motion carried 7 – 0.**

Approve Minutes of March 16, 2006

Motion: Behrend moved, second by Singert, to approve the minutes of 3/16/06. Singert asked that Behrend's arrival time of 9:40 a.m. be added on page 3 in the second paragraph. **Motion carried as amended 7 – 0.**

Motion to adjourn: Jeskewitz moved, second by Behrend, to adjourn the meeting at 10:17 a.m. Motion carried 6 – 0.

Respectfully submitted,

Rodell L. Singert
Secretary

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